

15 October 1958

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Resume of OCB Luncheon Meeting, 15 October 1958

PRESENT: Mr. Allen, Gen. Cabell, Mr. Gray, Mr. Harr,
Mr. Herter, Mr. Irwin, Mr. McCone, Mr. Scribner,
Mr. Smith, Mr. Melbourne

1. Geneva Talks

Mr. Herter said that he thought the OCB could profitably address itself to ways in which the U.S. could capitalize on the forthcoming talks in Geneva on suspension of nuclear tests-- particularly with respect to our offer of a one-year suspension. Some discussion ensued on this point without any definite conclusions emerging.

2. Tokyo Trade Fair

The Board then discussed the opinion of the American Embassy in Tokyo that an exhibit on peaceful uses of nuclear energy would be a worthwhile part of the U.S. exhibit at the Tokyo International Trade Fair, scheduled for May 1959. The group agreed that this would probably be valuable, particularly if it were in addition to the scheduled exhibit to be sponsored by the Department of Commerce.

The group also discussed the possibility of suggestions to the Atomic Energy Commission in connection with its over-all program of peaceful uses of nuclear energy. They noted that the AEC is receptive to any suggestions for suitable projects involving the use of nuclear explosives, although the opinion was expressed that the feasibility of such projects should first be tested in territory under U.S. control. It was agreed that the OCB Working Group on Nuclear Energy should be alert to such projects and should be encouraged to bring specific proposals to the AEC.


NSC review(s) completed.

3. Advance Publicity on Lunar Shots

The Board then discussed the public reaction overseas to the publicity on the Air Force's recent attempted lunar probe. It was noted that the first reactions were favorable. However, it was reiterated that the current policy guidance, as enunciated by the President, still remains in force, i. e. there should be an absolute minimum of publicity before the actual event.

4. Yemen

Mr. Harr called attention to recent intelligence reports indicating extensive Sino-Soviet activity in Yemen. He urged that diplomatic representation be established in that country as soon as possible. In reply, Mr. Herter pointed out that this has been an objective of the Department of State for some time but it has so far proved impossible to negotiate the point with the Yemeni.


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